

AECASSOWARY PP Activity at the Brussels Fair

AECASSOWARY 2 stated that he has received word from his contacts in the KUK (Canadian Ukrainian Congress) that any activity or Ukrainian display was impossible at the Canadian pavilion at Brussels. Attached is a copy of the letter that KUK received from the Canadian Brussels Fair Committee.

Since inquiries also revealed that no action via the American and Vatican pavilions was possible, AECASSOWARY 2 suggests that attempts be made to obtain permission from some Brussels bookstore or other firm to provide Ukrainian books and materials for sale to Soviet Ukrainian delegates and tourists. This could be set up as a strictly commercial venture with the book dealer receiving a 40% cut of all sales. At the same time plans should be made to rent window space for a display contrasting publications of the Soviet Ukraine with those of the Ukrainian emigration in such fields as history of the Ukraine, history of Ukrainian literature, literary works banned in the Soviet Ukraine, and copies of the Ukrainian Encyclopedia published in the West but not yet begun in Soviet Ukraine after 40 years.

Under AECASSOWARY 2's instruction, ~~Vasyl~~ Vasyl MARKUS, the Paris CASSOWARY representative traveled to Brussels last month and learned that the Brussels Fair Committee is allowing an all-nationalities pavilion where various emigre groups would be able to have sections for displays, book collections, etc. He was unable to learn whether it would be possible to obtain space at this pavilion but heard that both OUN/Bandera and the NTS were trying to get space there. MARKUS also made contact with several Ukrainians in Brussels who could aid a CASSOWARY representative in any activity they could set up but were unable to organize such activity themselves.

Though MARKUS could possibly provide initial direction for some CASSOWARY action at the Fair, he is at present completely occupied with his duties as editor of the journal "Ukrainsky Samostiynik". He is also participating in some conference in Austria which will keep him occupied most of February. For this reason AECASSOWARY 2 suggested that we send a AECASSOWARY representative immediately from PBPRIME (possibly AECASSOWARY 15) to Brussels to further investigate all possibilities of action at the Fair, and to organize some type of activity through Brussels bookstores or firms.

AECASSOWARY 2 further stated that he believes that a CASSOWARY contingent at the Brussels Fair (consisting of an overall director supplemented by Ukrainians available in Brussels, France, England and Germany) could carry out valuable PP and FI activity. Besides providing Ukrainian literature, the group could initiate contacts with interested Soviet personnel and relay information

to them about the West both orally and via printed matter. Various leaflets, information bulletins, and newspapers could be prepared and relayed to such contacts as well as "lost" in strategic areas of the Soviet and satellite pavilions. A special issue of the AECASSOWARY newspaper "Suchasna Ukraina" could be prepared especially for the Fair, including articles on topics which would be of interest to visiting Soviet Ukrainians. Advertisements would be placed in Brussels papers informing Fair visitors that Ukrainian materials are available at a designated bookstore or firm. Should such a Ukrainian book collection or display be set up in Brussels, future issues of the "Information Bulletin" now being mailed into the Soviet Ukraine, and future broadcasts from Radio PYREX and Radio MADRID could advertise the fact that such a Ukrainian book collection would have Ukrainian books and materials not now available in the Soviet Union, such as ~~HRUSHEVSKY~~'s "History of the Ukraine", ~~CHIZEVSKY~~'s "History of Ukrainian Literature", the "Ukrainian Encyclopedia", and works by writers now banned in Soviet Ukraine.

In view of the AECASSOWARY contact with Ukrainians in Poland, AECASSOWARY 2 suggested that we make funds available to several of the most reliable of these contacts to provide them with means to come to the Brussels Fair. Should such a contact materialize in Brussels, we would have a secure meeting with a Ukrainian who would be able to provide us with valuable operational information both on the situation in Poland, as well as on the possibilities of increased PP or FI action against the Soviet Ukraine via Poland. All arrangements for such a meeting could be arranged by Dr. ~~Aleksa~~ HORBACH who has personally met many of the Ukrainians in Poland, and who would not draw suspicion to himself since his reputation as a Slavic scholar would give him adequate reason to be interested in meeting with his counterparts from Poland. Dr. HORBACH would also be valuable for contacts with Soviet Ukrainian scholars and professors at the Fair ~~xxx~~ since a common interest in Slavic history, literature and linguistics would provide an easy approach. In connection with this, AECASSOWARY 2 inquired whether it might not be advisable to investigate the possibility of having some AECASSOWARY contacts from the Soviet Ukraine come to the Fair with our financial aid.

Other personnel available for AECASSOWARY activity in Brussels include several Ukrainians in Brussels; A. KAMINSKY and other Ukrainians from England; Vasyl MARKUS and AECASSOWARY 28 in Paris; AECASSOWARY 6, Dr. HORBACH, and ~~Ivan~~ KOSHELIVETS from West Germany. The latter would be especially suitable for contacts with Soviet Ukrainians from Eastern Ukraine, since he himself comes from Kharkov and served as an Air Force Captain in the Red Army prior to his emigration.

AECASSOWARY 2 stressed the fact that it is imperative to send to Brussels immediately some AECASSOWARY representative with experience and initiative to investigate all possibilities of action,

make the necessary arrangements with local Belgian Ukrainians, Brussels Fair officials, and Brussels bookstores or other firms for the type of action outlined above. It is AECASSOWARY 2's belief that it will be imperative to have such a CASSOWARY representative remain in Brussels during the course of the Fair in order to inconspicuously mastermind the whole operation, establish files for checking out Soviet delegates, tourists and visitors at the Fair, arrange for contacts between vulnerable Soviet personnel and AECASSOWARY representatives, and serve as liaison with KUBARK headquarters or field case officer.

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Canadian Government Exhibition Commission  
Trade and Commerce  
479 Bank Street,

Ottawa, January 14, 1958.

Mr. W. S. Kochan  
Executive Director  
Ukrainian Canadian Committee  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 17, 1957, addressed to the Department of Trade and Commerce, came to me some time ago for reply. All my staff and documentation are now in Brussels, where I am going at the end of this month, and I must explain my long delay in writing to you on the grounds that I am alone to handle a tremendous volume of correspondence, production and administration.

The section on the "People of Canada" in the Canadian Pavilion at the Brussels Universal and International Exhibition, 1958, is a graphic one, designed to help the outside world realize that men, women and children of 46 ethnic groups have had a share in developing and shaping the Canada of today. This is only one of 23 exhibits in our building, though its theme is repeated in the great mural wall being created by Louis Archambault (see Maclean's Magazine for 18 January 1958) and again in the Library, art gallery, music room, cinema theatre and fine arts display.

Canada's entire participation has been an official one. While many groups have been consulted in the course of its development, nobody as a unit is taking part in any display. This was a policy decision, reached nearly four years ago. You will agree, I think, that if hosts of groups had been invited to move into the Pavilion it would have been all but impossible to develop an integrated presentation, especially of a country as diverse and as fast-growing as Canada is. It would also have lead to confusion in the minds of visitors who have some sixty Pavilions to choose from and are likely to be attracted to those which tell their story in the simplest, most direct and most striking way possible.

Thank you very much for the interest which you and your group have shown in our effort. I do hope that some of you will be able to visit Brussels during the exhibition, which will be open from April 17 to October 19 and that, if you do, you will like Canada's story as it is being told there.

Yours sincerely

T. L. Bullock  
Chief Information Officer  
Canadian Participation  
Brussels '58.

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